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session, so what we would like to have in the interim, and I had a bill that was similar to this one, of Senator Stromers and that is why I am taking it for him. Is that this would allow those counties, and this is the county that has the problem to have a full time county attorney. Now they would have to pay the attorney a minimum of \$20,000 and it would come from the general fund of the county. Now the county board would be the one to decide whether or not they would have this full time county attorney, so I do think that we have the control at the local level. The bill also provides that more than one county can combine to have a full time county attorney within their boundry. Now this is difficult for the counties to do yet this year, because they have already set the salaries, but some of the counties, and I believe that Buffalo County is one of them would still go ahead and pass the resolution to have a full time county attorney since they have set the salary in their county at \$25,000, above the minimum. So that is what they would like to do there in the next county. I move that the bill be advanced to E & R for review.

SPEAKER: Are there committee amendments? Senator Keyes, do you have amendments? Fine, do you want to explain those amendments.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker the amendments that I have on the bill are the bill that I had in committee and SENator Luedtke agrees with Senator Stromer and myself to bring the bill out and I would put my amendments to the bill on it. Now this just simply states that in counties of 60,000 the county attorney shall be a full time employee and not receive less than \$27,500. In counties from 150,000-200,000 that is Lancaster County, I did just exactly what the Senators from Lancaster county told me that they wanted to do. If they wish to take their selves out they can do so on select file. This simply states that in my county 60,000 to 100,000 that the deputy county attorney can have outside work but they can not work for any other sub-division of government. So I move for the adoption of the amendments, and if Lancaster County wants out they can very easily do that on Select File and I will support them on it. I move for the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER: Did we finish the discussion on the Keyes amendment? Anybody want the floor? Are you ready for the vote on the Keyes amendment? All those in favor of the Keyes amendment vote aye, those opposed vote no.

CLERK: Mr. President, motion on the desk.

SPEAKER: This requires 25 votes. This is the Keyes amendment.

SENATOR KEYES: Lets see if we can't get a vote on this and if they are going to make a movement to adjourn, then we can get this bill passed. In case anybody has any doubts, this only affects the counties that are affected by Sention Stromer's bill and my amendment only effects Sarpy and Lancaster County and I think that Lancaster County is getting together right now to take thereselves out. I see no reason, I have supported every bill that has come up here this afternoon and I have waited and I would like to have you pass this.

SPEAKER: Will you get down on your knees please?

SENATOR KEYES: I'll do that.